

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 remain active in this case, Claims 1, 2, 6, and 8 having been amended, Claims 3-5 and 9 canceled, and Claims 11 and 12 added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yasuo (JP 08-122803).

In light of the outstanding ground for rejection, Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the claimed invention and thereby more clearly patentably define over the cited prior art. To that end, amended Claim 1 defines Applicants' invention in terms of an optically compensated birefringence (OCB) mode liquid crystal display cell, wherein an opposing electrode takes a minimum value in spectrum of front reflectance between 380 nm to 480 nm, and the thickness t_B of the opposing electrode is a uniform thickness defined by $100\text{nm} < t_B \leq 140\text{nm}$.

Yasuo discloses a liquid crystal display and has as its objective the realization of marked color balance, reduction in absorption of an incident light in the electrode, and provision a bright picture display. In order to attain the above-mentioned objective, Yasuo discloses that a thickness of the electrode is set up for every color of a color filter so that transmissivity is maximized according to each color of a color filter.

For example, in a blue color filter portion, it is described that the thickness of the portion located on the color filter 21 of B is formed in about $135\text{ nm} \pm 30\text{ nm}$ so that the transmissivity of the light of B, i.e., light with a wavelength of about 460 nm, becomes the maximum.

However, in Yasuo there is no disclosure at all about the OCB mode liquid crystal display cell to which the claimed invention is directed. Likewise, there is no disclosure in

Yasuo concerning the generation of blueness at the time of black display, or how to prevent such generation of blueness to provide a liquid crystal display excellent in color balance. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that Yasuo is not relevant to the OCB mode liquid crystal display cell, and is directed to a different structure and purpose. Therefore, there is no motivation to combine the technology of Yasuo with an OCB mode liquid crystal display cell in order to cancel generating of the blueness at the time of the black display, a problem peculiar to the OCB mode liquid crystal display cell.

Furthermore, even if teachings of Yasuo were applied to an OCB mode liquid crystal display cell, Yasuo still fails to teach that a minimum value in spectrum of front reflectance of a portion of the opposing electrode corresponding to the blue filter layer is between 380 nm and 480 nm, and thickness of a portion of the opposing electrode corresponding to the blue filter layers t_B is confined to $100\text{ nm} < t_B \leq 140\text{ nm}$. It is this structure of Applicants' invention in the context of an OCB mode liquid crystal display cell, which promotes excellent color balance in the prevention of generation of blueness at the time of a black display in an OCB mode liquid crystal display cell.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above comments, Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is significantly different from Yasuo in structure, operation and effect. For this reason, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding ground for rejection has been overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

As no further issues are outstanding, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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